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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <b>Tri-County News</b>		2. DATE OF FILING <b>Sept. 29, 1999</b>
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <b>Weekly w/one exception</b>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <b>51</b>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <b>17.00 + tax - In-state</b> <b>20.00 Out-of-state</b>
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <b>303 West Main Street, P.O. Box 6, Irene, SD 57037-0006</b>		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) <b>303 West Main Street, P.O. Box 6, Irene, SD 57037-0006</b>		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <b>Pamela A. Buchholz</b>		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. FULL NAME <b>Pamela A. Buchholz, 303 West Main Street, P.O. Box 6, Irene, SD 57037-0006</b> COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS		
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2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	<b>462</b>	<b>457</b>
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I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.		
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER <b>Pamela A. Buchholz, Publ</b>		

State of South Dakota

Sworn to before me this 19 day of  
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County of Clay  
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Sam Jorgensen  
Notary Public

My commission expires 12-12-01